

RICHMOND CONSERVATION COMMISSION MAY MEETING MINUTES

The Richmond Conservation Commission held its regular monthly meeting on May 6th, 2021, 7 pm at the Bennett Gorge Conservation Easement. Members, John Randall, Gary Hebert, Dick Drew and Jeff Taylor attended along with Jonathan Hill, landowner of the Bennett Gorge Conservation Easement.

The group took a scenic walk along the easement, which is a 200' wide corridor of land, 100 feet wide each side of Brickyard Brook, named for the historic brickyard adjacent to the upstream boundary of the easement. Jennie Bennett, former Richmond School teacher and representative to the State House of Representatives, dedicated the easement to the Town of Richmond in memory of her late husband Harry J. Bennett, first Chairman of the Richmond Conservation Commission. Jon Hill is the nephew of Harry and Jennie and lives in their former residence next to the Brickyard Brook and dedicates his time maintaining the small foot path along the east side of the brook open for public access. The brook is a very scenic area as it flows down a deep ravine with rock outcrops and deep pools especially when there is a highwater flow. The cold flowing water provides a natural air-conditioned environment especially on a hot day in the summer. The easement protects the brook corridor from development and provides for public access and enjoyment.

There being no additional business to address the meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm as darkness fell.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey Taylor